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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains updates on the status of three County-sponsored measures relating to the reimbursement for medical treatment and initial health assessments, forensic medical evaluations for children who are placed in out-of-home care, and enhancement of the County's Homeowner Notification Program; one change in County position on legislation related to affordable housing; 12 updates on the status of County-advocacy legislation; and one measure of County interest relating to the temporary delay Department of Motor Vehicles registration renewal notices.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 396 (Mitchell), which would allow counties to obtain Federal matching funds to reimburse them for the cost of medical treatment for minors who are hospitalized and outside of the County's detention facility for more than 24 hours, passed the Assembly Health Committee by a vote of 18 to 0 on May 3, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored AB 652 (Mitchell), which would specify that the costs of initial health assessments and forensic medical evaluations performed on children who are placed in out-of-home care, due to suspected abuse or neglect, shall be covered benefits under the Medi-Cal Program, the Healthy Families Program or a licensed health care insurance plan, passed the Assembly Health Committee by a vote of 14 to 4

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on May 3, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored SB 62 (Liu), which as introduced on January 3, 2011, would enhance the County's existing Homeowner Notification Program to authorize the County to: 1) notify homeowners and renters subject to notices of default or sale; 2) collect a fee for notification upon the recording of a notice of default or sale; and 3) use a portion of the recording fee to provide information, counseling, or assistance to a person who receives the notice, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 27 to 11 on May 5, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

Change in County Position on Legislation

County-support and amend AB 542 (Allen), which would increase the number of housing opportunities by expanding the number of land sites deemed suitable for residential development that can accommodate some portion of the city's or county's regional housing need by income level, was amended on May 2, 2011.

The amendments clarify that in order to be deemed appropriate to accommodate low-income housing, the land site must be: 1) zoned to allow a minimum residential density of 10 units per acre; 2) located close to jobs and within one mile of a grocery store or elementary school; and 3) either owned by the county, set aside for affordable housing development at no cost to the developer, or the county has committed to providing subsidies of at least 15 percent of the total development cost per unit for the construction of affordable housing on the site during the planning period. In addition, the amendments replace the words "planning agency" with "county" in the bill, as requested by the Sacramento advocates.

Since the bill now includes the County's requested amendment, the Department of Regional Planning recommends that the County change its position on AB 542 from support and amend to support. **Therefore, the Sacramento advocates will now support AB 542.**

This measure passed the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on April 28, 2011, and is currently pending a vote on the Assembly Floor.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 168 (Gorell), which would appropriate \$506.4 million from the State General Fund to the Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA) to fund local

public safety programs effective July 1, 2011, for FY 2011-12, failed to pass the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 2 to 5 on May 3, 2011. The bill was granted reconsideration at the request of the author. The Committee Chair indicated that an additional hearing in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee is likely before the May 6, 2011 deadline for policy committees to consider bills with fiscal impact.

County-supported AB 192 (Logue), as amended on February 22, 2011, is an urgency measure that would appropriate \$500.0 million from the State General Fund to the LSPA to fund local public safety programs beginning on July 1, 2011, and each July 1 thereafter, for a period of five years. This measure was heard in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on May 2, 2011 and was placed on the Committee's suspense file. AB 192 is expected to be heard again in this Committee on May 16, 2011.

County-supported AB 331 (Davis), which would postpone implementation of SB 1080 (Chapter 711, Statute of 2010) and SB 1115 (Chapter 178, Statute of 2010) that amended to extend multiple sections of the State Penal Code regarding firearms and dangerous weapons offenses by five years until January 1, 2017, failed to pass the Assembly Budget Committee by a vote of 2 to 4 on May 3, 2011. The Committee Chair, who voted against the bill, voiced a concern that AB 1331 would be in conflict with AB 1402 (Assembly Public Safety Committee) which would also make changes to firearms statutes.

County-supported-if-amended AB 438 (Williams), which as amended on April 4, 2011, would require a city or the board of trustees of a library district that intends to operate the library or libraries with the help of a private contractor that will employ library staff to: 1) publish notice of the intent to withdraw from the county free library system; 2) submit the decision to withdraw for voter approval at a regularly scheduled election; and 3) notify the county board of supervisors of approval by the voters to withdraw from the county free library system, was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on May 4, 2011.

County-supported AB 723 (Bradford), which would extend to 2016 the sunset date on the Public Goods Charge, which is a non-bypassable surcharge imposed on all retail sales to fund public goods research, development and demonstration, and energy efficiency activities, passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 6 to 2 on May 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 727 (Mitchell), which would require the State to provide healthier food options in vending machines, concessions, and cafeterias located in State owned or leased buildings, passed the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee by a vote of 5 to 4 on May 3, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-opposed AB 1050 (Ma), which as amended on April 25, 2011, would require the State Board of Equalization to convene a working group to develop recommendations for an equitable and uniform method of collecting State and locally authorized communications taxes, fees and surcharges from prepaid communications end-use consumers passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on May 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1124 (Skinner), which as amended, would state legislative intent to qualify low-income households for financial assistance under the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program for repairs or replacements of furnaces or water heating systems for a multifamily building, passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee by a vote of 8 to 2 on May 4, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The clarifying amendments limit total expenditures on furnace and water heating replacement to no more than \$2,700 per unit served, require the landlord to pass through bill savings to the tenants, and restrict expenditures to the value of the equipment and installation cost only.

County-supported AB 1297 (Chesbro), which would maximize reimbursement of Federal Medicaid funding to counties for specialty mental health services, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 17 to 0 on May 4, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor's Consent Calendar.

County-support and amend SB 184 (Leno), which would authorize the legislative body of any city or county to adopt ordinances to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements, and declare legislative intent in superseding the court ruling in *Palmer/Sixth Street Properties, L.P. v. City of Los Angeles (2009)*, to the extent that the opinion in the case conflicts with the bill, passed the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee by a vote of 5 to 3, with technical amendments, on May 3, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

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County-opposed SB 469 (Vargas), which would require a city, county, or city and county, prior to approving or disapproving a proposed development project that would permit the construction of a superstore retailer to cause an economic impact report to be prepared, passed the Senate Environmental Committee by a vote of 5 to 2, as amended, on May 2, 2011. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The amendments clarify the provisions related to the Permit Streamlining Act which do not change the impact to the County.

County-opposed SB 594 (Wolk), which would expand the types of services that must be performed by a city or county-operated public health laboratory, among other provisions, passed the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 6 to 3 on May 4, 2011. The bill now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Senator Lois Wolk agreed to work with the counties to address their concerns.

Status of County Interest Legislation

SB 94 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), which as amended on April 15, 2011, would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to temporarily delay renewal notices by at least one month, starting with drivers whose registrations are due to expire on or after July 1, 2011. This measure also allows drivers an extra month to pay their registration fees, up to one month after their current registration has lapsed. SB 94 passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 23 to 15 on May 2, 2011. This measure was signed by the Governor on May 4, 2011. SB 94 is intended to allow lawmakers additional time to continue negotiating the Governor's proposed tax extensions to maintain the current Vehicle License Fee rates.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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